

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING MANDATED VISION SCREENINGS FOR PUBLIC
SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
CONCERNING MANDATED VISION SCREENINGS FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1501(a)(1)(A)(i), concerning vision screenings, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A)(i) ~~Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all~~ All children in prekindergarten (preK), kindergarten (K), grades one (1), two (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8) and all transfer students shall receive an eye and vision screening.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1501(b), concerning vision screenings, is amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~An eye and vision screening shall include the following~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, in conjunction with the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children, shall adopt rules to establish the tests, procedures, equipment, and instruments that shall be used to perform eye and vision screenings. ~~approved by the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children and the~~



~~division:~~

- ~~(1) Observation and external inspection of the eye;~~
- ~~(2) Distance visual acuity test using a Snellen eye chart at twenty feet (20') or an age or developmentally appropriate chart at ten feet (10') outside a vision screening instrument;~~
- ~~(3) A plus lens visual acuity test using a Snellen eye chart at twenty feet (20') or an age or developmentally appropriate chart at ten feet (10') outside a vision screening instrument; and~~
- ~~(4) Visual screening instrument tests, which include:~~
 - ~~(A) Lateral muscle balance test at far;~~
 - ~~(B) Vertical muscle balance test at far;~~
 - ~~(C) Fusion or binocularity at far;~~
 - ~~(D) Lateral muscle balance test at near;~~
 - ~~(E) Fusion or binocularity at near; and~~
 - ~~(F) Color perception.~~

/s/ Irvin

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